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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Robert D. Lynn
Anaconda Minerals Company
New Mexico Operations
P.O. Box 638
Grants, New Mexico 87020

Dear Mr. Lynn:

May 24, you agreed to continue dewatering activities at the P-10 and P-13 Mines through May 31. I would appreciate your written confirmation that these dewatering activities did cease June 1.

Three ventilation boreholes with surface fans have remained in operation at the P-10 Mine to ventilate the decline. June 22, you advised me that your personnel have been monitoring the rise of ground water at the bottom of the decline since dewatering ceased. You stated that the ventilation of the decline would not be continued after ground water has filled the haulage drifts at the bottom of the decline. I have no objection to your discontinuing ventilation of the decline at that time; however, please be advised that the three surface fans must remain on the boreholes until their removal is authorized by this office. Also, I would like to receive written notice when ventilation of the decline is discontinued.

Earlier this month, we discussed your proposed placement of vented earthen plugs in all open underground entries at the Jackpile-Paguate Mine. I am withholding authorization for placement of the plugs until the matter of an underground inspection by the Pueblo of Laguna has been resolved.

Thank you for your cooperation in these matters. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

(ORIG. SGD.) DALE C. JONES

Dale C. Jones
District Mining Supervisor

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